



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 639**

January Session, 2009

\* SB00639PH 050509 \*

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR  
MEDICAL DIRECTORS OF CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 18-81p of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):

3 [The Commissioner of Correction, in consultation with the  
4 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Judicial  
5 Department, shall review, evaluate and make recommendations  
6 concerning substance abuse detoxification and treatment programs for  
7 drug-dependent pretrial and sentenced inmates of correctional  
8 facilities and the reintegration of such inmates into the community.  
9 The commissioner shall examine various options for the detoxification  
10 and treatment of drug-dependent inmates including, but not limited  
11 to, methadone maintenance treatment and other therapies or  
12 treatments, and the reintegration of drug-dependent inmates into the  
13 community upon their release from incarceration, including the  
14 transfer of inmates to community-based methadone or other therapy  
15 or treatment programs. The commissioner shall report his findings and  
16 recommendations and submit a proposal for detoxification, treatment  
17 and reintegration programs including, if appropriate, the  
18 establishment of one or more pilot programs for methadone  
19 maintenance or other therapy or treatment for drug-dependent

20 inmates to the General Assembly not later than February 1, 1998.] The  
 21 Commissioner of Correction shall ensure that any physician employed  
 22 by or under contract with the Department of Correction who provides  
 23 detoxification or substance abuse treatment services to inmates has  
 24 professional certification or training in at least one of the following  
 25 areas: (1) Subspecialty board certification in addiction psychiatry from  
 26 the American Board of Medical Specialties; (2) addiction certification  
 27 from the American Society of Addiction Medicine; (3) subspecialty  
 28 board certification in addiction medicine from the American  
 29 Osteopathic Association; or (4) not less than eight hours of training in  
 30 the treatment of opioid-addicted persons, sponsored by an  
 31 organization authorized to provide such training in accordance with  
 32 Public Law 106-310, the Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000, as  
 33 amended from time to time. Any physician employed by or under  
 34 contract with the Department of Correction on the effective date of this  
 35 section who provides detoxification or substance abuse treatment  
 36 services to inmates and has not obtained the certification or training  
 37 required by the provisions of this section, shall obtain such  
 38 certification or training not later than April 1, 2010.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2009	18-81p
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**JUD**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

**PH**        *Joint Favorable*